

The Story of the Man Who Killed 100 People: And Was Still Forgiven

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Chapter 1: The Weight of Sin and the Search for Redemption

A Trail of Blood: The Sinner's Confession

It is narrated from Abu Sa'īd Sa'd bin Mālik bin Sinān al-Khudrī (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings be upon him) said:

“Among the people before you was a man who had killed ninety-nine people. Desiring to repent for his sins, he began searching for the most knowledgeable person on earth.”

The man was directed to a pious monk. Upon meeting him, he posed the question that weighed heavily on his conscience:

Despair in Search of Hope:

The Man:

“I have killed ninety-nine people. Can my repentance still be accepted?”

The Monk:

“No.”

Fatal Counsel: The Hundredth Victim

Stricken by the monk's harsh reply, the man was overcome with rage. In a moment of uncontrollable anger, he killed the monk, bringing his total number of victims to one hundred.

Determined to seek forgiveness, he once again searched for the most learned person on earth. This time, he was guided to a true scholar of religion.

A Scholar's Guidance:

The Man:

“I have killed one hundred people. Is there any chance for my repentance?”

Scholar:

“Yes! The gate of repentance is open. But you must leave your present land, which is filled with wickedness. Go to the village of righteous people, worship Allah there, and never return to your former home.”

Chapter 2: The Journey Towards Mercy

Death on the Road to Redemption:

With sincere intent and a resolute heart, the man set out toward the village of the righteous. However, he died along the way before reaching his destination. A dispute then arose between the angels of mercy and the angels of punishment concerning his soul.

The Angels' Dispute:

Angels of Mercy:

“He repented and turned to Allah with sincerity.”

Angels of Punishment:

“He did not perform a single righteous deed in his life.”

Divine Intervention: A Just Verdict

By Allah's command, another angel appeared in human form and proposed a decisive measure:

The Final Judgment:

The Angel (in human form):

“Measure the distance between the two lands. Whichever land he is closer to, he belongs to that one.”

It was found that he was closer by a handspan to the land of righteousness. Consequently, the angels of mercy took possession of his soul, and he was granted forgiveness.